# Algebra 1

## Disclosure—Mr. Elmer

The main goal of Algebra is to develop fluency in working with linear equations. This requires work with equations. Work with very basic equations will evolve into solving multi-step equations, inequalities and linear inequalities, systems of equations and inequalities, and non-linear equations. Learning procedures and steps is more important and further reaching than giving an to a problem. PLEASE SHOW WORK. Students will also work with polynomials and irrational numbers.

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| Stuff you need  EVERY DAY  !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! | | PAPER  PENCILS: Bring more than one. Papers in ink will not earn credit.  PENCIL SHARPENER  ALG 1 NOTEBOOK  CALCULATOR: It should have a square root and trigonometric functions. | | | | | | | |
| Classroom Expectations | | * Follow directions when they are given. * To avoid being tardy, be in the room quickly moving to your seat by the time the bell stops ringing. * Be in your seat unless you have permission to leave it. * Eating, drinking, or chewing gum is not permitted unless it’s from Mr. Elmer. Non-compliance may result in a U for citizenship. * Talking while anyone is addressing the whole class is U behavior. * Teacher dismisses class. * A student who is disruptive repeatedly will be removed from class to allow instruction and learning to continue. ***The student will be responsible for correcting, scoring and turning in anything that may have been corrected.***   Do your part. You are a citizen of this class. If there’s a problem, fix it. If that doesn’t happen, Mr. Elmer will fix it. | | | | | | | |
| GRADES | PERCENT | A  A-  B+ | 93-100  90-92  87-89 | B  B-  C+ | 83-86  80-82  77-79 | C  C-  D+ | 73-76  70-72  67-69 | D  D-  F | 63-66  60-62  0-59 |
| Categories | Tests  Quizzes  Assignments  Notebook | | | | 50%  20%  20%  10% | | | |
| As in any class, you must work to earn the grade and gain the necessary knowledge to progress to future classes and graduation. Without keeping the notes and doing the work, you will not be prepared for the quizzes and tests. | | | | | | | |
| Citizenship | | Citizenship is based on behavior, preparation, and participation which are indicators of attitude. Also, per district policy: tardy 3 times is an “N,” 4 times tardy is a “U.” Any truancy will result in a “U.” An “H” must be earned with outstanding attendance, work and participation and conduct. Repeatedly coming unprepared may result in a “U.”  H=Honors, G=Good, S=Satisfactory, N=Needs Improvement, U=Unsatisfactory | | | | | | | |
| Assignments | | Students are given many examples of problems and work. They have the notebook and examples from the homework. If students have been in class, there should be not be a question as to how work for an assignment should look. Assignments not showing work the way it was taught in class will not be given credit. NO WORK = NO CREDIT.  **To earn credit an assignment must include the following: first and last name, date assigned, page and problems assigned, original problems, all required work, circled or boxed answer, fraction score and percent score.** | | | | | | | |
| Tests/Quizzes | | If a student is truant, all work for that day will earn a zero, including tests. Just like assignments, you must show work to earn credit. Points possible are listed next to each question. A question worth more than 1 point requires work for credit. There are no retakes on tests or quizzes. This is to prepare students for future math classes and to discourage teacher shopping. Because there are no retakes on tests or quizzes, it is essential that students prepare for tests. No more than 2 days will be allowed for any test or quiz. | | | | | | | |
| Absent/Late Work  Extra Credit | | Students have a calendar that states when tests and quizzes are. Also, the calendar shows when each assignment will be worked on in class. Generally, after working on a section for 2 days, on the 3rd day we will correct and hand in an assignment. AFTER AN ASSIGNMENT HAS BEEN TURNED IN AS A CLASS, STUDENTS HAVE ONE WEEK TO GET CORRECTED AND SCORED LATE WORK IN. If a student has an usual situation, they need to communicate with Mr. Elmer promptly.  If you waste time in class or repeatedly come unprepared, that will be recorded and late work from that class period will not be accepted late.  There is an extra credit review before each test. This is treated as an assignment and will not be accepted past a week after being turned in as a class. | | | | | | | |
| Correcting | | Occasionally, students will correct each other’s work. | | | | | | | |
| Textbooks | | Students are responsible for the textbook they are assigned. Books left in the classroom are not supervised. They may or may not stick around. Damage to textbooks will be fined. | | | | | | | |
| Teacher Contact | | * E-mail—You can contact me by e-mail at [belmer@dsdmail.net](mailto:belmer@dsdmail.net) * Planner—The planner is a great way to send notes, get signatures, etc. * Phone—You can usually reach me before or after school. I do not have a prep time. * Website—There is good information and internet links at my website: belmersandbox.wikispaces.com. | | | | | | | |

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